

Welcome to the Riverfront Celebration!



I've known rivers:

I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the
flow of human blood in human veins.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.
I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.
I looked upon the Nile and raised pyramids above it.
I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln
went down to New Orleans, and I've seen its muddy
bosom turn all golden in the sunset.

I've known rivers:

Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

—Langston Hughes

Thank you for joining the celebration for the opening of Essex County Riverfront Park.

This place exists thanks to the diligence and fortitude of the people of Newark and Essex. Its existence testifies to their enduring will to make better neighborhoods, cities, and communities.

Today, we hope that you feel the spirit that made this park possible, and find your own way to contribute to its future history. Return to the river!

Organized by Friends of Riverfront Park, Newark Riverfront Revival, Essex County Parks System, Councilman Augusto Amador, & Assemblyman Albert Coutinho. Thanks to support from NY-NJ Habitat Estuary Program, Seidler Chemical Company, The Trust for Public Land, Sovereign Bank, Quick Chek & Fernandes Steak House.

"We are proud to offer Essex County Riverfront Park to the community. This urban oasis provides much needed recreation and open space and was made possible through the partnership of the State, County, City and Community. Please enjoy the ball fields and meadow, the spectacular vistas and views of the water."

Putting Essex County First



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| 11 am-12:30 pm | MEADOW | Eighth Annual Passaic River Paddle Relay Race |
| 12:30-1:30 pm | MEADOW | Community Dedication |
| 1:30-2 pm | BASKETBALL | Capoeira Demonstration |
| 2-4:30 pm | MEADOW | Project USE Boat Information Recycling Games Face Painting Express Yourself! Tile Painting Greater Newark Conservancy Watershed Education & Sewer-in-a-Suitcase |
| 2-2:30 pm | BASKETBALL | Ann Street & Oliver Street School Dancers |
| | TENNIS | Yoga Intro Class Tennis Workshop |
| | BRILL ST ENTRANCE | Meet for Ironbound Riverfront Walking Tour |
| 2:30-3 pm | BASKETBALL | East Side High School Winter Guard Performance |
| | TENNIS | Zumba Intro Class Tennis Workshop |
| 3-3:30 pm | BASKETBALL | Double Dutch Performance |
| | TENNIS | Yoga Intro Class Tennis Workshop |
| | PLAYGROUND | Drum Circle |
| 4:30-7:30 pm | MEADOW | Closing Performance: Featuring Bill Good Jazz Band, Folkloric Dancing, and Spoken Word |

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